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SUBJECT: FRG INVITATION TO AUGUST 1-2 MEETING ON
ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION.

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1. DESEDOUY INFORMED CIVIL AIR ATTACHE JULY 28 THE
GOF DELEGATION TO BONN AUGUST 1-2 MEETING WOULD IN-
CLUDE ONLY ROBERT ESPEROU (DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND IN-
TERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DGAC) AND M. DEGOUTTES (QUAI D'
ORSAY LEGAL OFFICE) AND HIMSELF (AS CHAIRMAN). WE EX-
PRESSED SURPRISE AT THE ABSENCE OF HIGH LEVEL AVIATION
SECURITY OFFICIALS AND DESEDOUY RESPONDED THAT THE
QUESTIONS THIS MEETING SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH WERE
OF A POLITICAL NATURE AND THE DELEGATION WAS ESTABLISHED
WITH THAT IN MIND.

2. WE REVIEWED AGAIN WITH DE SEDOUY THE CONTENTS OF
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STATE 186923 WITH EMPHASIS ON THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF
THE PRESIDENT TO THE BONN DECLARATION AND THE NATURE
OF THE DEMARCHES WE WERE MAKING AROUND THE WORLD. HE
REPLIED THAT FRANCE ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE DECLARA-
TION AND WISHED THAT IT HAVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN
DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE WAS SURPRISED

THAT THE USG WAS TAKING SUCH AN INITIATIVE IN MAKING THESE DEMARCHES AT THIS TIME AND SAID THAT THE STRATEGY OF THE SEVEN NATIONS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED AND COORDINATED FIRST.

3. THE FRENCH CONCEPT OF THE BONN MEETING, DE SEDOUY EXPLAINED IN GENERAL TERMS, WAS TO AGREE ON A POLITICAL STRATEGY AND START THE EXAMINATION OF THE LEGAL, PROCEDURAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION. SPECIFICALLY, THE FRENCH FELT THE AUGUST 1-2 MEETINGS SHOULD DRAW UP LISTS OF QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY, SUCH AS (1) HOW SHOULD THE DECLARATION BE GIVEN WIDE EFFECT (IS A NEW DIPLOMATIC CONVENTION NEEDED?), (2) WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE THE OBJECTS OF SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS BY THE SEVEN, (3) WHAT LEGISLATIVE AND JURIDICAL QUESTIONS EXIST RESPECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION (I.E., HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THE SYSTEM OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS?). FRANCE, HE SAID, MAY HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF SUCH QUESTIONS AND HE HOPED OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD ALSO. ONLY ON THE BASIS OF AGREED ANSWERS TO SUCH QUESTIONS, AND AGREED STRATEGY, SHOULD OVERTURES BE MADE TO OUTSIDE COUNTRIES--ADHERENTS AND NON-ADHERENTS TO HAGUE.
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